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FYI from Morning Energy re Dakota Access and Lead and Copper Rule:

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ELECTION LOOMS LARGE OVER MARRAKECH: Representatives from nations around the world will descend upon Morocco beginning Nov. 7 for the first climate change talks since last year's landmark deal in Paris and top U.S. negotiator Jonathan Pershing acknowledges the U.S. election will loom large over the start of the conference. "I'm struck by the fact that very few citizens could name any candidate in another country's election and almost every delegate I talk to can name all of our primary candidates, not only our final candidates," he tells Pro's Eric Wolff in [an interview](#).

But Pershing isn't worried other nations will simply walk away if Donald Trump, who has derided climate change as B.S., emerges victorious on Nov. 8. Rather, the State Department's special envoy for climate change says global enthusiasm for action is "very much entrenched" and sees "continued action" to address the problem proceeding regardless of who wins.

Expectations are considerably lower for this year's talks compared to Paris. Nations will dig into the weeds of implementing the agreement, addressing issues such as transparency, creating standards for carbon markets, financing for low-carbon projects and climate change adaptation. Pershing expects there will be some disagreement on issues like transparency, but he said the "spirit of Paris" should propel countries to resolve their differences. Energy Secretary Ernest Moniz is expected to attend the negotiations and Agriculture Secretary Tom Vilsack may make an appearance as well.

WELCOME TO THURSDAY! I'm your host Anthony Adragna, and I'd like to invite everyone to applaud Kevin Curtis with the NRDC Action Fund for being the first to identify the Sargasso Sea as the only one on Earth without a coastline. Today's trivia: In what state was the first successful oil well drilled (bonus points for when)? Send your tips, energy gossip and comments to aadragna@politico.com, or follow us on Twitter [@AnthonyAdragna](#), [@Morning_Energy](#), and [@POLITICOPro](#).

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Laney said in a statement, stressing authorities continue to prefer a peaceful resolution. The escalation came Wednesday as actor Mark Ruffalo and Reverend Jesse Jackson visited the site of the protests.

BERNIE: VOTE IF YOU CARE ABOUT CLIMATE: They don't always see eye to eye with Clinton on environmental and climate policy, but 350 Action is out today with [a video](#) featuring Sen. [Bernie Sanders](#) urging his supporters to vote for the former secretary of State. "You may not agree with everything Hillary Clinton stands for, but on every important issue - every single one - her views are far, far better than Donald Trump's," her former primary rival says. "It is especially true on environmental issues and on issues dealing with climate change."

Sanders says Clinton has "a serious set of proposals to try to transform our energy system away from fossil fuel" and urges his supporters not to sit out the election. In a statement, 350 Action's executive director May Boeve said "Hillary Clinton isn't where she needs to be on climate policy," citing her support for natural gas as a bridge fuel and lack of a position on Dakota Access. But, she pledged to "redouble" efforts to push Clinton toward more progressive policies following her election.

ME FIRST! GREENS LAUNCH NEW PA PUSH: Sierra Club Independent Action and For Our Future are launching a new "six-figure" mail campaign in Pennsylvania urging African-Americans to vote Hillary Clinton for president and Katie McGinty for Senate. The effort is expected to reach some 300,000 voters through election day.

COURT TO EXXON: COUGH UP THOSE DOCS! Exxon Mobil's independent auditor must comply with a subpoena from New York Attorney General Eric Schneiderman for records of the oil giant's methods for valuing its vast oil and gas reserves, the state's Supreme Court ordered Wednesday. As Pro's Elana Schor [reports](#), the ruling rejected an accountant-client privilege claim by PricewaterhouseCoopers - Exxon's accounting firm - which would have allowed the oil company to review specific documents and decide whether or not to withhold them.

In response, Alan Jeffers, an Exxon spokesman said, "We respectfully disagree with the court's ruling and intend to take an immediate appeal."

SOLAR PROBE SOUGHT IN TEXAS: Watchdog group, Campaign for Accountability, will today ask the Texas Attorney General to investigate the marketing and sales practices of rooftop solar companies in the state. The [letter](#) largely focuses on Fort Worth-based Global Efficient Energy but also mentions SolarCity and NRG Energy's Residential Solar Solutions. The more than 190 complaints that have been filed with the Attorney General reveal "companies have engaged in false and misleading acts" in violation of the state's consumer protection and deceptive trade practices law, the groups says in a letter. "Solar companies operating in Texas are employing a variety of strategies and practices that may enhance their bottom line, but are leaving customers frustrated, unhappy and facing even bigger utility bills."

CAROLE KING MEETS CLINTON CAMPAIGN: Aides to Hillary Clinton urged Bill not to follow through on a promise he made to songwriter Carole King concerning a decades-long fight about protecting lands in five states, according to a hacked message from campaign chairman John Podesta's account. Apparently, the former president told King he would write President Barack Obama urging the creation of the Northern Rockies Ecosystem National Monument, but campaign aides advised against doing so. "This is enviros vs mining, logging, oil/production issue. prefer to stay away," Clinton's national political adviser Amanda Renteria wrote.

Anyone feel that breeze? After learning former VP Al Gore wouldn't endorse Clinton back in November (remember their frosty relationship), top aide Cheryl Mills snarked back: "would be nice to have tipper then." The couple separated back in 2010. Burn!

Inside Obamaworld's transition thinking: An October 2008 draft memo details the environmental issues hot on the minds of the Obama transition team. They included: whether energy should be part of the stimulus package, whether the Democratic team would participate in U.N. climate talks that December, how to use EPA authority to address climate change, potential executive orders for the first month in office and "what meetings do we want to schedule to demonstrate an inclusive, bipartisan approach to addressing climate change."

Rumor has it: Pete Ogden, then a White House aide, was super excited to welcome Podesta back to the White House in 2013: "May just be a rumor but would be exactly what this place needs," the current Clinton energy aide wrote. Podesta announced his return to the Obama White House in December 2013.

Your inferior email signature: Edgar D. Mitchell asked Podesta for a meeting to discuss extraterrestrial life, but gets to sign his emails "6th man to walk on the Moon" so he wins.

MORE AID RELEASED TO COAL COUNTRY: The Obama administration on Wednesday announced more than \$28 million would be spent on 42 separate projects in 13 states that have been impacted by the decline in the coal industry.

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CONSERVATIVE AGENCY WISH LIST: A key player in Charles and David Koch's political orbit circulated potential energy-related Cabinet nominees intended for Donald Trump's transition team, Pro's Elana Schor reports. For EPA administrator, the list names

Craig Butler, director of the Ohio Environmental Protection Agency; Brian Mannix, who served as EPA's associate administrator for policy under President George W. Bush; and Susan Dudley, who led Bush's Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs.

For Energy secretary, names included Bud Albright, undersecretary at DOE under Bush; Rep. [Kevin Cramer](#), a frequent Trump surrogate; and libertarian environmental author Terry Anderson, now a senior fellow at the conservative Hoover Institution. For Interior secretary, the list names Govs. Butch Otter of Idaho and Matt Mead of Wyoming, as well as Idaho Rep. [Mike Simpson](#). Elana reports the list was ultimately not given to either the Freedom Partners member who sought it or the Trump transition team

UNION CIVIL WAR OVER DAKOTA ACCESS: Terry O'Sullivan, head of the Laborers International Union of North America, lashed out at "bottom-feeding" and "job-killing" unions Wednesday that have supported protests against the Dakota Access pipeline, accusing them of having "sided with THUGS." As Pro's Elana Schor [reports](#), the letter targeted the Communications Workers of America, National Nurses United, the Amalgamated Transit Union, the American Postal Workers Union and the Service Employees International Union. Those five unions are aligned with the anti-Dakota Access demonstrations in North Dakota

"They are a group of bottom-feeding organizations that are once again trying to destroy our members' jobs," the letter says. "These unions have displayed a truly amazing level of hypocrisy and ignorance while threatening the safety of livelihoods of workers." O'Sullivan also said he had spoken with members of Congress who [recently sent letters](#) opposing the project to express his disappointment and vowed not to "forget the reprehensible actions and statements against our members" from the other unions.

GREEN GROUP LAUNCHES NEW CHILDREN'S HEALTH PROGRAM: The Environmental Working Group today launched a new program today that will develop model safety standards for a number of air, water and land pollutants. "Just because levels of carcinogens and neurotoxins found in drinking water, for example, are within the legal limits, doesn't mean they are safe for children," Olga V. Naidenko, leader of the new program, said in a statement. EWG says the new limits for various pollutants will be based solely on health impacts.

BLM'S #2 STEPPING DOWN: Steve Ellis, the Bureau of Land Management's deputy director, announced Wednesday he'll retire on Dec. 1, according to [E&E News](#). "This has been a difficult decision but it is time for me to focus on health and family," Ellis said in an email to BLM staff. "As you know, I took a leave of absence earlier this year for cancer surgery; I will shortly be undergoing several weeks of additional treatment." His last day in Washington will be Nov. 4.

REPORT: GET SERIOUS IF YOU WANNA HIT PARIS GOALS: More comprehensive policy mechanisms are needed if the U.S. intends to hit its goal of reducing greenhouse gas emissions at least 80 percent by 2050, according to [a report](#) today from the Information Technology and Innovation Foundation. Policymakers should dramatically

expand investments in low-carbon technologies, establish dedicated funding for low-carbon technologies and tighten relevant regulations in a "predictable, innovation-inducing" manner, the report says.

LNG EXPORTS FACILITIES A MESS FOR TEXAS: REPORT: The Rainforest Action Network released [a report](#) today claiming three proposed liquefied natural gas export terminals in Texas' Rio Grande Valley would devastate the fishing and shrimping industries, ecotourism, and endangered wildlife in the region. The group urges banks not to invest in the proposed projects and released a further [white paper](#) outlining what it sees as the climate and human rights impacts of LNG export facilities.

REPORT: BILLIONS IN HEALTH IMPACTS FROM DRIVING: A [report](#) today from the American Lung Association claims petroleum-based transit results in \$37 billion in health and climate impacts across ten states annually. Costs are \$15 billion in California alone and the report urges the rapid deployment of zero-emissions vehicles.

LIGHTER FARE: The Sierra Club released [a video](#) featuring cats hissing at a bunch of Trump comments about climate change.

INTERIOR BRASS HITS ALABAMA: Interior Secretary Sally Jewell and National Park Service Director Jonathan B. Jarvis are in Birmingham and Anniston, Ala., today to gather input on proposals for additions to the National Park System. Both officials will tour the Anniston site where a Freedom Riders bus was burned in 1961, and then later will host a community meeting at Birmingham's 16th Street Baptist Church.

ENERGY ENVOY VISITS ASIA: Amos J. Hochstein, the State Department's special envoy for international energy affairs, will deliver a keynote speech at Singapore International Energy Week on potential challenges and solutions for energy in the Asia-Pacific region.

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- Why the Country's First Offshore Wind Farm Is Such a Big Deal. [Fortune](#).
- Clouds gather in rooftop solar's biggest U.S. market. [Reuters](#).
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